

A LAY SERMON

It has been said by them of olden times, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you," or words to that effect.

What a glorious old world we would have if everyone would live up to that precept! What a jolly, fearless sail we would enjoy adown the stream of life! No looking out for a blow from the mailed hand; no distrusting suspicions of the knife up the sleeve! No nervous disquietude from the bitter, biting, slanderous words and innuendoes spoken behind one's back around the corner, and—oh, anywhere when one's not near. No anything, but just joy and peace and sunshine and smiles and smiles forever!

But, oh, my! But in this advanced age of what we miscall Christian civilization, a large majority of our fellow creatures have changed the arrangement of the words of the precept and broadened its scope and reversed its teaching, and it now reads: "Do unto others as you think they would do unto you, and be sure you do them first, while you are at it be sure you do them good and well!"

It is wonderful with what religious zeal a large majority of the genus homo follows this revised and enlarged edition of the old, old precept. One must be constantly on the look-out for the sharp angles which jut out in unexpected places, and cut, and bruise, and stab and wound the unwary. This makes us an anxious, nervous, excitable and unstable people, seeking rest and finding none.

The difference between living up to the old "Golden Rule," and living under the influence of the revised and enlarged edition, is as the difference between the effect of a soul-soothing cloud-tower building of a summer's sunset, and the roar, rattle and blinding electric crashes of the terrific storm.

The greatest preacher in the sublimest sermon ever delivered said:

"Judge not, lest ye be judged;" and we are taught in the creed that "He sitteth on the right hand of the Father from whence he will come to judge the quick and the dead." Yet we find on every hand numbers of those whom he is to judge, assuming his judicial prerogative and classifying and assigning their fellow creatures to his kingdom, or Satan's domains as flippantly and unhesitatingly as they consign cancelled stamps to the waste-basket. O, ye scribes, Pharisees, hypocrites! Who made ye a judge over your fellow men? You not only assume to yourselves the right which solely belongs to the Great Judge, but you arrogate to yourselves the right to set up your own standards of conduct and demand obedience thereto, just as though they were "thus saith the Lord." You lay burdens grievous to be borne never dreamed of in the philosophy of divinity. Hang weights on the cross which the Master never by word or implication required to be attached thereto. And then if your fellow travelers for the kingdom choose to subject your views of his teachings, and prefer to ask of him and follow what he reveals to them as his true gospel, then you assume to separate them from him and adjudicate them to be none of his, simply because they do not accept your alleged views, even though to do so would, according to their light, not only be flatly in contradiction to his word, but contrary to their conscientious convictions of the truth, and against reason, experience and logic.

If others fail, or refuse, to pronounce your Shibboleth, then immediately the ecclesiastical sword is drawn and off go their spiritual heads. If their doxy does not in all things graduate with your doxy, then of course their doxy is heterodox and your doxy is orthodox. If they sow not with you, they scattereth, even though, according to your light, they sow with the Master. You seem to forget, brother, that the Lord committed to each servant the talents, and held each accountable for that alone which was committed to him.

Agnes ago the question was asked: "Am I my brother's keeper?" It has never been answered, but it is known that Adam was not excused from his act because the woman tempted him, nor as the penalty imposed upon Eve at all increased because she offered the temptation to Adam. If mercy was shown to either, it was to Eve, the tempter. The whole trend of the scriptures is to show that God places the responsibility upon the individual and holds each responsible for the way in which he acquits himself. The Great Master himself met his temptations alone in the wilderness and fought out his battles with nothing but the principles of virtue within him to aid him in gaining the victory. It is said of him that he was tempted in all manner like as we are by nature, and he overcame the temptations. In Gethsemane he asked that if it be possible, the cup be removed from him. But it was not. He did; and triumphed. What? Because he had

the virtue and manhood in him to overcome. Little credit, in fact none whatever, is due to anyone in this world or the next, who lives up to the value of a good moral life, simply because there are no opportunities for him to transgress. To prove character one must, like the Divine Master, be put to the test, and fight for the victory. It is to the overcomers that the reward is promised, and not to those who have no temptations to combat.

"To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna," etc. Rev. 2:17.

"He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment," Rev. 3:5.

"Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of God, and he shall go no more out," Rev. 3:12.

"To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcome," etc. Rev. 3:21.

"He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son." Rev. 21:7. Alleluia! Amen!

A LEGISLATIVE SUGGESTION

To the Editor Ocala Banner:

I have been watching with much interest the proceedings of our legislature, hoping to see that some measure would be introduced and passed which would promise something for the building up of the state and the relief of the tax-burdened people.

I regret to say that in all of the more than six hundred bills and resolutions introduced and acted upon that but very few of them amount to a row of pins, so far as the state at large is concerned. Now, if our so-called solons will quit playing to the galleries and introduce and pass a resolution calling a constitutional convention, and then provide for issuing state bonds for \$1,000,000, 4 1-2 or 5 per cent. 20-year bonds, they can then throw all of the rest of their over 600 bills and resolutions in the waste-basket and come home.

They will then have done more to reduce taxation, induce the right kind of immigration and building up the material interests of the state than all the other matters they are wasting their time and people's money upon. Such bonds can be easily floated at \$1.10 or \$1.12, and at maturity be refunded, and new bonds issued. This would bring immediate relief to the financial department of the government, put money in circulation and reduce taxes to a point where they would distress no one.

It would put this state along with the older states in progress and prosperity and bring relief to the people. The older states have long ago realized the great benefit derived from issuing bonds which offer a sure, safe and profitable investment, while it brings prosperity to the people.

If bonds are good for cities and towns they are still better for the state, and it is only necessary for the people to be shown the great advantages to them for them to hail such an act with joy and delight.

So let our legislature be wise for once and they will long be remembered by the people as the legislature which did something for the state and the people.

LAURIE T. IZLAR.

P. S.—I will take \$1000 or so of such bonds myself. L. T. I.

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WIRELESS TELEGRAMS

(By the Wireless Man.)

While nature is said to be the best cure, many doctors tell you to do the things that nature rebels against doing.

Women have changed the shape of their hats again, and what they lost in circumference seems to be made up in depth.

Among the many meritorious inventions that have never met with the success they deserved may be mentioned the noiseless piano.

When a woman objects to her husband putting his feet on a particular chair it is usually because it's the one her pet dog lies on.

Mr. Bryan's letter in reply to the invitation of the Florida legislature to address its members was a strong and dignified document. He regretfully found himself unable to comply with the request to come to Tallahassee and deliver an address, but he laid down a few democratic principles which—while not needed as a guide to the true and faithful—are in harmony with the convictions of practically every member of the body. The Clark incident was treated with the reserve it deserved.—Tampa Times.

ABOUT FOREIGN MISSIONS

To the Editor Ocala Banner:

Will you kindly publish the enclosed clipping as an offset to a statement which appeared in last Sunday's Banner from Tom Watson, in which he took occasion to criticize the foreign missionary and his work. I am inclined to think that the author of the interview, which is here given you, is better qualified to speak about the foreign missionary and his work than the Honorable Tom Watson, who has never visited the countries where the missionary labors. Trusting that you will give this the same publicity as you gave the other piece, I am,

Yours respectfully,
W. H. DODGE.

Testimonies to Missions

Li Hung Chang, before his death, was pronounced "the greatest living Asiatic." Gen. U. S. Grant, on his return from his tour around the world, said that he had met three pre-eminent great statesmen. Li Hung Chnag was one of the three. For many years he was prominent in Chinese official circles, and was possessed of broad and accurate information in regard to affairs in China.

When Bishop Hendrix visited China in the interest of the mission work of his church he was accorded an interview with Li Hung Chang in his palace in Peking. Through the bishop the prince sent to the American churches this message: "Say to the American people for me, send over more men for the schools and hospitals, and I hope to be in a position both to aid and to protect them." When told how many American missionaries there were in China, he said: "More are needed;" and, after a moment's reflection, he repeated, "More are needed."

When he came to America as Chinese ambassador, Prince Li was tendered an address of welcome by various missionary societies doing work in China. In his response to that address he wrote:

"Gentlemen—It affords me great pleasure to acknowledge the grateful welcome to this country offered to me by you as representatives of various boards and societies who have engaged in China in exchanging our ideas of the greatest of all truths which concern the immortal destinies of man.

"In the name of my august master, the emperor of China, I beg to tender to you his best thanks for your approval and appreciation of the protection afforded to the American missionaries in China. What we have done is but the duty of our government; while the missionaries, as you have so ably expressed, have not sought for pecuniary gains at the hands of our people. They have not been secret emissaries of diplomatic schemes. Their labors have no political significance; and last, not least, if I might be permitted to add they have not interfered with, or usurped the rights of, the territorial authorities.

"As a man is composed of soul, intellect and body, I highly appreciate that your eminent boards, in your arduous and much-esteemed work in the field of China, have neglected none of the three. * * * As for intellect, you have started numerous educational establishments which have served as the best means to enable our countrymen to acquire a fair knowledge of the modern arts and sciences of the west. As for the material part of our constitution, your societies have started hospitals and dispensaries to save not only the soul, but also the body, of our countrymen. I have also to add that in the time of famine in some of the provinces you have done your best to the greatest number of the sufferers to keep their bodies and souls together. Before I bring my reply to a conclusion, I have only two things to mention:

"The first, the opium smoking, being a great curse to the Chinese population, your societies have tried their best, not only as anti-opium societies, but to afford the best means to stop the craving for the opium; and also you receive none as your converts who are opium smokers.

"I have to tender, in my own name, my best thanks for your most effective prayers to God to spare my life when it was imperilled by the assassin's bullet, and for your most kind wishes which you have just now so ably expressed in the interest of my sovereign, my country and my people."

WHOOPING COUGH

"In February our daughter had the whooping cough. Mr. Lane of Hartland recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and said it gave his customers the best of satisfaction. We found it as he said, and can recommend it to anyone having children troubled with whooping cough," says Mrs. A. Goss of Durand, Mich. For sale by all druggists.

Mr. William B. Henderson, one of the most conspicuous and popular men of south Florida, died at Dwight, Illinois, Friday morning. Mr. Henderson was 70 years old and had been prominent in business and politics in Tampa for many years. He was a brother of the late John A. Henderson.

GENERAL PRESENTMENT OF THE GRAND JURY

In the Circuit Court of the Fifth Judicial Circuit, Spring Term 1909.

To the Honorable W. S. Bullock, Judge of the Circuit Court—We, the grand jury empanelled for the spring term of the court, having completed our investigations, beg leave to submit this our general presentment.

We are inclined to believe that the commission of crime in the county of Marion for the last six months has considerably lessened over that of the previous periods between the convening of the terms of this court.

We have found only twenty-five indictments at the present term, and the solicitor in addition has found it necessary to file but two informations, making twenty-seven in all.

We have found indictments only in those cases where we believed a conviction can be had on the evidence submitted to us for our consideration. We notice that from the journals of the legislature of the state of Florida, a bill has been introduced providing for the re-districting of the judicial circuits of the state by the terms of which Polk county is added to the fifth circuit and we recommend and request that our senators and representatives in the legislature use all honorable means for its defeat, the same being manifestly unjust and unfair.

We call attention to the fact that the records of this court show that at the fall term of this court for the year 1908, being the last term that was held, this court disposed of thirty-nine criminal cases and of these thirty-nine criminal cases disposed of, thirty were tried by juries and the remainder by pleas of guilty or otherwise. That at the opening of this term only two old cases remained to be disposed of on the criminal side of this court, and that there has been such a dispatch of business only because there has been active perseverance and dispatch of business in clearing up the docket.

In addition to the number of indictments found at this term of court and information filed to be disposed of as criminal business, there are appeals in criminal cases from the justices of the peace and the county judge that are to be added to this number. That the docket for the trial of civil cases shows that at the last term of this court there were thirty-two cases on the docket and that for the present term so far there has been put upon the docket for trial of civil cases, thirty-four cases.

We also call attention to the fact that there is neither a criminal court of record nor a county court in the fifth circuit to aid the circuit court in the dispatch of its business, and to add on Polk county, requiring the present judge of this court, residing at Ocala, to travel entirely through Pasco county and at a point below Tampa is order to hold court in Bartow, is so manifestly unjust that it requires no argument to establish the fact.

We respectfully call the attention of the county commissioners to the fact that the gallery in the court room is near the metallic ceiling. That in the summer it is very warm and the hot air arising from the crowds in the court room below makes the gallery very unpleasant; that the windows providing for the escape of the hot air are below the gallery and no means whatever have been provided for means of escape for accumulated hot air in the gallery, and we earnestly recommend that the county commissioners immediately take such steps that in their judgment is best suited to remedy this evil, and we request that the clerk of this court call the attention of the county commissioners to this fact at their first meeting hereafter.

Poor Farm

The committee appointed to visit the poor farm, after having done so, find the farm generally in good condition with the exception of the fence being badly in need of renewal. We recommend that the county commissioners have this matter attended to at once and that a telephone shall be installed in the superintendent's house connecting with the exchange in Ocala.

We recommend that the fireplaces in the houses of the colored quarters be repaired as soon as possible as in their present condition the buildings are apt to be destroyed by fire.

County Jail

We find the county jail to be in fairly good sanitary condition. We find, however, that the jail is unsafe and in rather a dilapidated condition. In fact to such an extent that we do not believe the jail can be economically repaired. For some years past it has been a notorious fact that the iron and steel work of the jail was not of sufficient strength to retain the prisoners placed in the cages. We therefore recommend that the county commissioners take steps to construct an entirely new jail. We make this recommendation because we feel that in the long run it will be the cheapest and best solution of the problem.

We, having completed our labors, beg to be discharged.

John L. Leitner, Foreman.
M. M. Little, Clerk.
May 7th, 1909.

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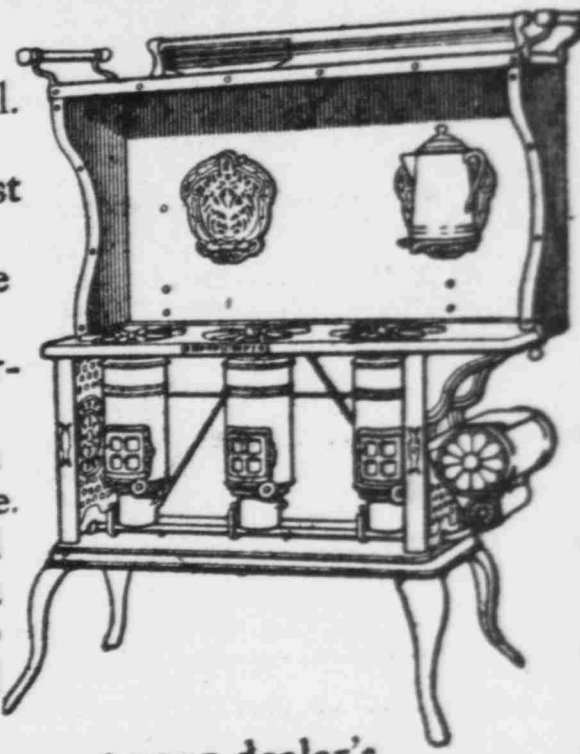
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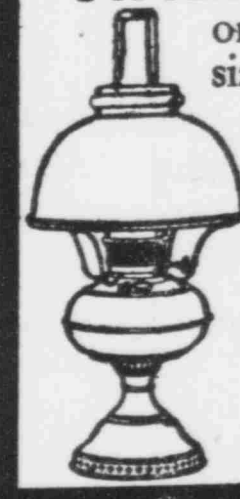
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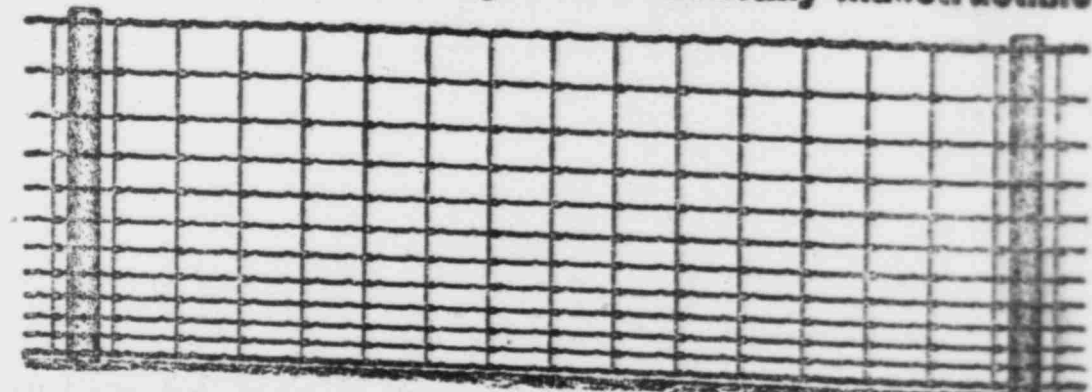
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